

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS


In the Office Action dated March 30, 2005, the Examiner has rejected Claim 1 under 35 USC §102(b), and has rejected Claims 2, 3, 4, and 6 under 35 USC §103(a). On the Office Action Summary page it is noted that Claims 5 and 7-10 are objected to; however, there is no reason for the objection given in the body of the Office Action. It is assumed that Claims 5 and 7-10 have been objected to based on being dependent upon rejected claims, and would be allowable if presented in independent form including all the limitations of their respective base claims and all intervening claims.

By this Amendment, Claims 3, 5, 8, and 9 have been cancelled without prejudice. Further, the subject matter of Claim 5 has now been included in amended independent Claim 1, and the subject matter of Claim 9 has now been included in amended independent Claim 6. Still further, Claims 1 and 6, and newly presented Claim 11, now include specific limitations directed to the “memory alloy” and “differentially” heating the fusing medium to vary gloss attained by memory alloy on print material. The claimed features are not found in any prior art, known to Applicants. Accordingly, the prior art cannot be interpreted as anticipating, or in any way teaching, individually or in any proper combination, Applicant’s claimed invention. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that amended Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, and 10, and new Claim 11, the claims remaining in this Application, should now be allowed.

Applicants are not aware of any additional patents, publications, or other information not previously submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office which would be required under 37 C.F.R. §1.99.

This Application is now believed to be in condition for favorable reconsideration and early allowance, and such actions are respectfully requested.

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